MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE RAJGHAT SAMADHI COMMITTEE

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Madam, I beg to move:

That in purusance of clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Rajghat Samadhi Act, 1951 (41 of 1951), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Rajghat Samadhi Committee.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL CADET CORPS.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): Madam, I beg to move:

That in pursuance of clause (i) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (IA) of section 12 of the National Cadet Corps Act, 1948 (31 of 1948), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Central Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before we assembled here, we had a meeting in the Chairman's Chamber and we discussed the modalities of discussion on the statement of the Home Minister. Members of the various parties and groups have decided, and the Government also have agreed, that it will be in the form of a Short-Duration Discussion for 2-1/2 hours. Now Mr. Chavan to make the statement. So, kindly abide by the time because the Home Minister has to be available in the Lok Sabha for reply to the discussion which they have slated to be in the evening.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : स्टेटमेंट की कापी कहां है ?

उपसभापति : आ रही है ।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम इस पर कम से कम दो घंटे डिसकशन कराइये ।

उपसभापति : मैंने ढाई घंटे कराया है । हमने ढाई घंटे किया और आप दो मांग रहे हैं । हम आधार और दे रहे हैं आपको ।

... (व्यवधान) ...

अगर आप शांति से बैठे तो जनरौसिटी कम नहीं रहेगी ।

Chavan Sahib, we again wish you a very happy birthday, and I hope the House is going to be kind to you.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Thank you, very much, Madam.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER—DEVELOPMENT AT AYODHYA

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam Deputy Chairman I had made a statement in the Parliament on 8 July 1992 on the developments at Ayodhya. Since then the Kar Seva is continuing, and the construction of a concrete platform is in progress.

In the light of the recent developments, I requested the Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh to come for a discussion on the subject. During our discussions on 11 July 1992, The Government of India's serious anxiety on account of the recent

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developments was conveyed to the Chief Minister. The need for augmenting the security arrangements as also the availability of forces for this purpose was also highlighted. I requested the Chief Minister to suspend the construction work till such time as the issue is resolved either amicably by discussion between the parties or through Court verdict. I also underlined that the RJB-BM dispute had acquired national significance with large ramifications, and the State Government should consult the Government of India before permitting any construction activities in RJB-BM complex in future. I also asked for information regarding the land on which the work was in progress, whether it did not contravene the Court orders, and the agencies which are doing the work and how they came to be entrusted with the work. I also enquired about the intentions behind the construction work and pointed out that the replies to these questions are necessary.

The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh reaffirmed the commitment of the State Government for protection of the RJB-BM structure. He also assured that all necessary steps will be taken by the State Government to supplement and strengthen the security arrangements as suggested by the Central Government. In so far as the construction work is concerned, the Chief Minister said that the matter is before the court and the State Government has not violated any Court orders. However, in regard to the questions as to whether the work is being carried out in the acquired land, the agencies which were doing the work and the purpose for which the platform was being constructed, etc. he was non-committal. Unfortunately, I was not able to get satisfactory answers to these quesions which is a matter of great concern.

On 10 July 1992 one Shri Achan Rizvi filed an application inn the Supreme Court that the proposed construction of the temple started by VHP on 9 July 1992 should be stopped as it constituted a violation of High Court's orders. The Supreme Court in its interim order on 11 July 1992 has ordered that no interim order on MU-Hz orderted that no permanent structure be put on the acquired land in violation of the orders made by the Supreme Court or of the High Court and if that is done those engaged in the enterprise run the risk of offending construction being ordered to be demolished. At all events, the dispuated structure of RJB-BM should not be touched in any manner except for the purpose of its preservation and except in accordance with and as permitted by the subsisting orders of the Court.

I visited Ayodhya on 12 July 1992 to see at first hand the work in progress, as also the security arrangements made for the Rani Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure. *Prima facie*, I am of the view that the Government of Uttar Pradesh have violated the Court orders by permitting the work to be carried on, on the acquired land. However, the final decision of the Supreme Court will have to be awaited on the subject. During my visit, I alo suggested the augmentation of the security arragements. I underlined the urgency to make the internal circuit TV operational so that whatever is happening in different areas around the disputed structure is clearly visible in the control room. The Police Control Room has been shifted and temporarily located in a small room. I was told that the new location has been decided and the work will commence soon.

A team of officers comprising representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Rural Development has been sent to Ayodhya for first hand assessment of the work in progress. The team will, among other items, look into the question of likelihood for see page of water during the rainy season from the dug up portion of land adjacent to the RJB-BM structure, likely effect thereof on the security of the structure, the land on which the work is in progress, whether it is acquired or disputed, the agencies which have been doing the work, the authorisation therefor, etc. The official team is going into these and other related issues. The team

is expected to return this morning and will be submitting its report shortly.

In the letter received from the Chief Miniser of Uttar Pradesh this morning, he has once again assured that all necessary will be taken by the State Government for the protection of the structure. He has also indicated several further steps being taken by the State Government for the protection of the structure in porsuance of my discussion with him a couple of days ago. These include increasing the number and coverage of CC TV cameras, strengthening of the barricading in front of the entrance to the Ram Janma Bhoomi and making it permanent, deployment of police on the roofs of nearby houses, and presence of senior police officers on the site.

As I mentioned earlier, we had made an offer to the Government of Uttar Pradesh of 5 additional coys of Central para-military forces for being deployed at Ayodhya. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has, however, indicated in his letter that recently the force in Ayodhya has been augmented by development tf 3 coys of U.P. PAC and 175 police personnel. In the light of this, the State Government does not find it necessary to accept any additional para-military forces for purposes of deployment in Ayodhya.

In view of the pending proceeding on the Supreme Court, I have tried to use all persuasive reasoning with the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to have the construction at RJR-RM complex suspended pending final decision on these petitions. The Government will pursue these accept any additional para-military forces on the situation.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION ON THE STATEMENT REG. DEVELOPMENTS AT AYODHYA

उपसभापति : सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी जी ।

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी (राजस्थान) : उपसभापति महोदया गृह मंत्री महोदय ने. . .

उपसभापति : आपकी पार्टी का समय 19मिनट है । 19मिनट में आप एक बोलें या दो बोलें यह आपकी मर्जी है ।

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : उपसभापति महोदया, गृह मंत्री महोदय ने फैज़ाबाद और अयोध्या में जो परिस्थितियां हैं राम जन्म भूमि स्थान पर मन्दिर निर्माण के प्रश्न को ले कर, जहां वे स्वयं गये थे वहां जो कुछ हो रहा है उसको देख कर आए हैं, उसके बारे में एक वक्तव्य दिया है, मैं समझता हूं कि अगर इस वक्तव्य में स्पष्ट रूप से सदन का भी उल्लेख किया होता कि जो ढांचा है वह सुरक्षित है उसे किसी प्रकार का नुक्सान नहीं हुआ और जो निर्माण का काम चल रहा है, जिसका चित्र अखबारों में छपा है उससे ऐसा साफ लगता है कि ढांचा एक तरफ खड़ा है और निर्माणकर्ता एक प्रकार से ढांचे की तरफ पीठ किए हुए दूसरी तरफ कार सेवा का काम कर रहे हैं, अर्थात् न तो निर्माण कार्य उस ढांचे की दिशा में हो रहा है न उधर की तरफ बढ़ने का कोई अंदेशा है ।

कल लखनऊ में हाईकोर्ट ने इस बात का भी निर्णय दिया है कि जो कुछ खुदाई हुई है जिसके बारे में यह आशंका व्यक्त की गयी थी कि इस खुदाई से वह ढांचा कमजोर पड़ जाएगा, उस संबंध में न्यायालय का यह स्पष्ट मत रहा है कि उससे उस ढांचे को कोई खतरा नहीं है और इसलिए उन्होंने इस काम में जो अभी वहां चल रहा है उसमें किसी प्रकार की रोक लगाना वाजिब नहीं समझा । मैं यह स्वीकार करता हूं कि सुप्रीम कोर्ट में भी इस संबंध में मुकदमा दायर है और एक दिन के बाद उस पर सुनवाई होने वाली है । उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का यह दावा है कि उन्होंने न्यायालय के आदेशों का उल्लंघन नहीं किया है । अब यह तय करना कि उल्लंघन हुआ है या नहीं, मेरा इस सदन को नम्र निवेदन है कि यह राजनैतिक मुद्दा नहीं है, यह कानूनी मुद्दा है और अगर अदालत को इस बात का फैसला लेना है कि जो कुछ वहां कर रहे हैं उससे न्यायालय के आदेशों का उल्लंघन नहीं हुआ तो मैं इस माननीय सदन को यह निवेदन करना चाहूंगा कि फिर हमें उस दायरे में न्यायालय की राय को मान्य करना चाहिए और अपना विवाद उस संबंध है जो भी खड़ा करना चाहते है उसके लिए फिर गुंजाइश पैदा नहीं होती. . .

(व्यवधान)